

# SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## General Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Apperson Elementary School (In Person) 10233 Woodward Ave., Sunland, CA 91040

1. **Call to Order, Welcome** - Lydia Grant, President, 7:05pm
  - Kudos to the team of STNC members who helped move the two storage units into a single unit, not a trivial job.
2. **INSTALLATION OF THE 2023-2025 General Board not installed at July Board Meeting** - Karen Waters, Commissioner, BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners)
3. **STNC President's Updates**
  - A. STNC In Person Board & Committee Meeting updates/meeting locations and update on SB411 (Portantino) regarding NC meetings on Zoom
    - Meetings are currently at Apperson Elementary, ST Library, Elks, McGroarty, Bolton Hall, McDonald's, NVCH, Sunland Rec Center, and other; waiting for SB411 to pass to have option for virtual meetings for both the Board and Committees.
  - B. Board Vacancy - Region 2 Region Rep
  - C. Land Use Committee Vacant Seats
  - D. Status of STNC Board approved Light Pole Banners
    - STNC has paid for repair; need to get effort back on track
  - E. STNC Board & Committee Chair Planning Meeting was held Aug. 26
    - Suggested to watch the video if not able to attend, available on STNC website
4. **Roll Call, Voting Eligibility** - *Cindy Cleghorn, Corresponding Secretary*
  - A. Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board – all training is up to date for board members who were present
  - B. Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance – none

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	First Vice-President
Mapuana Moran	Present	Yes	Second Vice President
Carol Hutchinson	Absent	Yes	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Corresponding Secretary
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Secretary
Varian Keshish	Absent	Absent	Community Interest Representative
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1

KT Travers	Present	Yes	Region 1
Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2
Michael Goglia	Present	Yes	Region 3
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3
Trevor Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 4
Peter Darakjian	Absent	Absent	Region 4
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4
Belinda Woodruff	Present	Yes	Region 4
Chris Rowe	Present	Yes	Education Representative
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Public Safety Representative
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	Senior Representative
Quorum: 11 16 present at roll call			

**5. Pledge of Allegiance - Jade Yerby**

**6. PRESENTATION / SPEAKERS / Q&A:**

**Steve Vetrone, Director of Scientific-Technical Services, LA County Vector Control** – Mr. Ventrone gave an engaging and informative presentation about the mosquito infestation we are experiencing. Presentation. Integrated Vector Management (IVM) is conducting “Surveillance, Management and Education/Outreach”. Sources of mosquito reproducing includes storm drains, unmaintained swimming pools, stagnant water sources. Diseases may be transmitted (e.g. West Nile Virus), may be from people traveling and global commerce. Vector Control has traps throughout the area for surveillance. A focus is on sterilization male mosquitos that do not sting and releasing them in established neighborhoods where they would mate with females who would not be able to reproduce. Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) (sterilization), bacteria, irradiation, and self-limiting techniques are used ro prevent breeding.

**7. Comments: LAPD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, City Departments**

- **Karen Waters, BONC Commissioner** – Ms. Waters introduced herself and provided updates
- **Ofcr Wilcer Godoy** – Status update about crime in the area, appreciated National Night Out, concern about people using parks to discourage return of tents
- **Ofcr Gloria Coloca** – update about crime in the area and the homeless issue, addressed a question about putting up no-trespassing signs and what information needs to be on it and provided contact information (emergency and non-emergency).
- **Astra, Coordinator at Sunland Park** – status on park, progress made, hiring additional people at this time, will be starting adult sports. Astra addressed a concern about rest-rooms saying that it would need security to improve the situation, but possible to use indoor rest-room if asked. Sewer lines need to be changed, currently inadequate.
- **Declan Floyd, Portantino District 25** – SB411 bill is in process, hopefully next month will be the mandated last in-person.
- **Ricardo Flores, Office of Monica Rodriguez, City Council District 7-** provided status and updates.
- **Raul Preciado, DONE** – provided status and updates

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (FUNDING)**

- A. Discussion/Action: Approve August 2023 MER

- B. Discussion/Action: Approve \$30 to Webcorner for Domain name. *(unpaid in 22-23 budget)*
- C. Discussion/ Action: Approve \$150 to Webcorner for April 2023 bill *(unpaid in 22-23 budget)*
- D. Discussion/Action: Approve an additional amount of \$30 for payment of Post Office Box (now \$430 annually) due 7/31.
- E. Discussion/Action: Approve up to \$25 for late fee for Post Office box (due on 7/31) (Office)
- F. Discussion/Action: Approve up to \$100 for storage totes for items in storage. (Office)
- G. Discussion/Action: Approve up to \$500 for waste bags for Little Landers and Sunland Park (Outreach)
- H. Discussion/Action: Approve up to \$100 for small plaques at waste bag stations to say: “Waste Bags courtesy of Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council” for receptacles at Little Landers Park and Sunland Park. (Outreach)
- I. Discussion/Action: Approve up to \$100 for outreach items at Halloween carnival event at Sunland Park on 10/31/23 (Outreach)
- J. Discussion/Action: Approve updated inventory to send to City Clerk
- K. Discussion/Action: Approve changes to STNC storage units at US Storage from two units to one unit. [this will result in savings of \$150 or more per month; vote needed for City Clerk to process Letter of Authorization (LOA) ].

- MOTION to approve items a-h and j-k with item I excluded approved.

<b>Item 8 A-H and J &amp; K. Slate of motions to Approve Funding Consent Calendar Items</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn, Second: L Rowe</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Grant, L Rowe, M Moran, Cleghorn, Keshish, Travers, McCoy, Goglia, von Gunten, Seigel, Woodruff, C Rowe, C Schmidt, Royal, Herman, K Moran 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 4 absent					Hutchinson, Freeman, Darakjian, T Schmidt

- MOTION to approve item I after some discussion approved.

<b>Item 8i. Motion to Approve up to \$100 for outreach items at Halloween carnival event at Sunland Park on 10/31/23 (Outreach)</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn, Second: L Rowe</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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**9. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING)** - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. MOTION: The STNC Board approves the non-funding consent calendar:

- A. **A. Discussion/Action:** Approve LUC recommendation to support application ZA-2034-3760-ZAD-SPP AND ENV-2023-3671-CE at 11337 Riverwood Ranch Road: 2;290 sq. ft. addition to an (E)

1;663 sq. ft. SFD and 462 sq. ft. addition to a (E) 461 sq. ft. garage. Total sq footage of home will be 3,9553sf with a 823sf garage

**B. Discussion/Action:** Approve LUC recommendation to support DIR-2023-4356-SPP and ENV-2023-4357-CE at 9411 N Wexford Drive Tujunga - 137 square foot addition to an existing covered area at the center of a single-family residence.

**C. Approve August 2023 STNC Board Meeting Minutes**

**D. Discussion/Action:** Support Community Impact Statement in support of CF23-0002-S84 regarding Caltrans working with California Indian Tribes for signage designating tribal lands and designating State Route 210 as the Southern California Native American Freeway. *(This item was postponed).*

**E. Discussion/Action:** Support extension of the Victim Emergency Assistance Program and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to CF23-0837.

- Items A through C and Item E approved. Item D was postponed until a later date.

<b>Item 9. Motion to Approve Consent Calendar items (non-funding) A-C and E (9D is postponed).</b>					
<b>Motion: Siegel, Second: L Rowe</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Grant, L Rowe, Cleghorn, Keshish, Travers, McCoy, von Gunten, Seigel, Woodruff, C Rowe, C Schmidt, Royal, K Moran 13 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain, 0 ineligible, 4 absent	Goglia	M Moran, Herman			Hutchinson, Freeman, Darakjian, T Schmidt

**10. Discussion/Action:** STNC Board directs the Outreach & CIGA Committees to use social media, town hall and other outreach methods to mobilize stakeholders to participate in a Sunland-Tujunga Evacuation Routes campaign.

- Motion approved.

<b>Item 10. Motion to Approve Outreach &amp; CIGA Committees to use social media, town hall and other outreach methods to mobilize stakeholders to participate in a ST Evacuation Routes campaign.</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn, Second: L Rowe</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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**11.** STNC supports the Independent Redistricting Commission and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to CF-22-1196-S1. – *Postponed*

**12. Discussion/Action: Problems in the** Oro Vista Wash area with excessive BBQs and Trash in this high fire danger area, including recommendations to L.A. Sanitation. CF23-0224 Riverwood Ranch Community - Oro Vista Crossing

- No action/vote. Need to identify who is responsible for clean-up and enforce it. STNC to prepare a letter with possible solutions and include pictures of the area for approval at the next General Board Meeting when someone from the City should be in attendance.

**13. Committee & Liaison Reports - by committee chairs present** - *no individual reports given due to lateness of time; attention brought to continual changes in dates and venues which should be verified prior to attending:*

- Budget & Finance - 9/27 @ 6pm @ Apperson
- Land Use - 9/19 @ 7pm @ Elks — *change of day/date for this meeting*
- STAT - 9/26 @ 6pm @ TBA
- STARC - 9/26 @ 7:30pm @ TBA
- Community Improvement & Government Affairs - 9/21 @ McDonalds Tujunga
- Outreach: 9/28 @ Sunland Rec Ctr, 7 pm
- Youth & Adult Education – September 22 (Friday) @ 7pm @ McDonalds Tujunga
- Beautification - 9/21 @ 6pm @ ST Library - *change of day/date*
- Liaison Reports: LANCC / VANC /Budget Advocates /Other
- Ad Hoc Bylaws / Standing Rules

**14. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - none

**15. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System**

- A. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- B. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
- C. NC Alliances, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities - NC Congress is 9/23 at L.A. City Hall - <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la>

- **Lydia Grant** – meeting locales subject to change and kudos to the people who helped move storage units, saving \$150/month
- **Cindy Cleghorn**, meeting 311 ACT, Bank Town Hall, Lake Balboa, City Planning Comm (billboards), 28<sup>th</sup>, items will be up on the website
- **Mapi Moran** – Outreach will make a questionnaire available for Committees each month to be able to help promote events.
- **KT Travers** – ST Forward will be having its 3<sup>rd</sup> Indigenous... 1234 Big Tujunga Cany Rd, Sunday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

**16. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Schedule Bylaws /Standing Rules committee meeting; new Google Sheet for approved board actions.

**17. ADJOURN 9:40pm**